**American Cultures 2 - Great War Research Project**

**Introduction:**

Warfare is one of the most often discussed topics in human history. It is analyzed, vilified, glorified and described in many ways and from many different points of view. Historians take great effort to critique command decisions and ponder the “what if” component of events. Great battles are reviewed, famous leaders are exalted and the “guns & drums” are given intricate detail.

All too often, however, the experience of the common soldier is overlooked. The men & women who risk their lives & suffer the most are the ones that are forgotten about in textbooks and TV shows. This is not only a shame but also a major oversight. It is impossible to understand conflict without gaining an appreciation for what the common soldier experienced.

**Assignment:**

Your assignment is to conduct research focusing on the experience the common soldier in World War I. Your research should include the following:

* {B} Select a country your average soldier would have come from
* {B} What kind of occupation a soldier may have had before the war
* {B} What was the average age of soldiers at the time the war started
* {B} How they were recruited and what preparation/training they received
* {T} What equipment they carried
* {T} What weapons they used
* {D} What food they were provided
* {D} Daily routine… how they passed the time
* {C} What combat was like for the common soldier
* {C} What kind of hardships did they have to overcome
* {A} What assistance was provided to common soldiers
* {C} What was the probability of them becoming a casualty
* {C} What were their feelings about the war

After conducting your research, you are to write a report detailing the information found. This report must be typed using a standard 12 size font (times new roman) and should be double-spaced with 1” margins. **Your work will be submitted using turnitin.com.**

You do not need to provide a cover page, but you must include a bibliography listing the sources used during your research. Kate Turabian’s Chicago Manual of Style is to be used on order to receive full credit. This style may be found online and is also now available through noodle tools. Any direct quotations must be cited within the text. **Plagiarism is not only discouraged & illegal; it will also result in failure of this assignment!**

There is no length requirement for this assignment. You are required to complete the information listed above. Your paper will be as long as it takes to do so!